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York County Launches Site Selector Web Tool

On March 15, York County launched the York County Site Selector – an on-line assistant for anyone seeking properties for



business expansion or relocation. According to Jim Noel, Director of York County's Office of Economic Development (OED),

"York County is proud to be the first on the Peninsula to launch such an innovative and user-friendly economic development web tool. The site takes a one-stop-shop approach that allows businesses, brokers, and site selectors to go to one source for access to all the information they need to know about locating in York County. And perhaps best of all, Site Selector is free and is available 24 hours a day from any computer with access to the Internet."

The site, found at www.yorkcountysites.com, provides visitors with the opportunity to select a desired site type – for example, office building, retail building, vacant land – and size

See **Site Selector** on page 4

225th Anniversary Plans Made

October 19, 2006 marks the 225th anniversary of General George Washington's defeat of the British at Yorktown, the climactic victory of the American Revolution that secured independence for the emerging United States of America. This landmark anniversary will be celebrated October 19-22 with a four-day "Salute to the Military." Re-enactments, parades, patriotic ceremonies, hands-on activities, live performances, tall ship displays, and fireworks will take place at the Yorktown National Battlefield, Riverwalk Landing, and the Yorktown Victory Center.

Complete anniversary information and a schedule of events will be featured in the fall issue of *Citizen News*, appearing in your mailbox mid-August. Here's a glance at what you can see October 19-22 in Yorktown.

Riverfront Festival - Riverwalk Landing will be the scene of a variety of activity all weekend long. The schooners *Alliance*



Lighting Freedom's Flame

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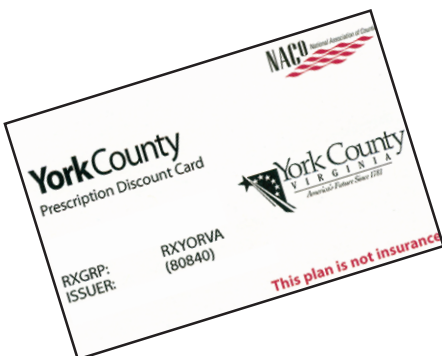
County Offers Prescription Medication Discount Card Through NACo Program

York County recently launched a discount card program to help consumers cope with the high price of prescription medications. The County is making free prescription medications discount cards available under a program sponsored by the National Association of Counties (NACo) that offers average savings of 20 percent off the retail price of commonly prescribed medications.

The cards may be used by all County residents, regardless of age, income, or existing health coverage, and are accepted at more than 70 pharmacies on the Peninsula. A national network of more than 57,000 participating retail pharmacies also will honor the NACo prescription discount card.

"York County is proud to be one of the counties nationwide participating with NACo," said York County Board of Supervisors Chairman Walter Zaremba. "The NACo prescription discount card offers significant savings for the uninsured and

See **Discount Card** on page 12



Yorktown 4th of July Celebration

Tuesday, July 4

★ **Enjoy a family-oriented celebration in the place where independence was won!!** ★

Daytime Activities

- **Classic Car Show** (11:30 am - 4:00 pm)
- **Arts & Crafts Fair** (9:00 am - 5:00 pm)
- **Live Entertainment** (All Day)
- **Children's Play Area** (11:00 am - 3:00 pm)
- **Parade through the Historic Village** (11:00 am)

Evening Highlights

- **"Slapwater" Concert** (4:00 pm)
- **The Fifes and Drums of York Town** (7:00 pm)
- **Concert by the US Air Force Heritage of America Band from Langley Air Force Base** (8:00 pm)
- **Fireworks Display** (9:15 pm)

★ Sponsored by the Yorktown Fourth of July Celebration Committee ★

Visit the website at www.yorkcounty.gov/fourth for additional information.

★ **Volunteers Needed ... Call 898-0822 or 766-0483 (after 6:00 pm) for more information!** ★

Board of Supervisors Actions

February 7, 2006

●Accepted an award of federal and state grant funds for a second trolley bus for Yorktown, consummated a lease arrangement with the Williamsburg Area Transport and James City County to provide for the purchase and operation of the trolley bus, and funded the annual operating costs from the tourism-designated lodging tax revenues. Based on the grant award, funding allocations are: Federal - \$229,600, State - \$45,920, and York County - \$11,480 (estimated, based on estimated purchase price). Annual operation, based on the existing trolley schedule, is projected to be approximately \$15,000 per trolley.

February 21, 2006

●Adopted the program management plan and project design for the Disaster Relief Program from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. The York County Disaster Recovery Grant program will provide Individual Assistance to 29 eligible households recovering from Hurricane Isabel. Eligible households must have incurred a 50% or greater loss in value of their home. These households will be provided reimbursement for expenditures on building materials, not labor, required to rebuild after the storm.

March 7, 2006

●Authorized the extension of the County's sanitary sewer system and water system to the proposed development known as Towne Park Corporate Center. Towne Park Corporate Center will be built on two lots totaling 8.93 acres on Bulifants Boulevard, and is to be developed into four office buildings.

March 21, 2006

●Accepted and appropriated funds received from the Williamsburg Community Health Foundation for the purchase of an ambulance and other life support supplies and equipment. The Williamsburg Community Health Foundation granted \$250,000 for the purchase of an advanced life support ambulance, the equipment and supplies required to place the ambulance in service, and “Autopulse” cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) devices. The purchases made with this grant will be used to help achieve the goal of the Williamsburg Community Health Foundation, a nonprofit organization, to improve health care in the greater Williamsburg area.

April 4, 2006

●Imposed tax levies upon tangible personal property (\$4.00 per \$100 of assessed value), upon machinery and tools (\$4.00 per \$100 of assessed value), upon mobile homes (\$0.6975 per \$100 of assessed value), and upon real estate (\$0.6975 per \$100 of assessed value) for the calendar year 2006, and to prorate taxes on mobile homes; and approved the budgets and appropriated funds for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007.

April 18, 2006

●Approved a Special Use Permit authorizing a 1,659-square foot Starbucks with drive-through service within a permitted retail center to be constructed at 800 East Rochambeau Drive (Route 137) in the southeast quadrant of the Route 199/Mooretown Road interchange. Starbucks will occupy one of the tenant spaces in the Shops at Cedar Valley retail center. The restaurant will be located in the unit at the southern end of the site with a drive-through. The main access point will be at a new commercial driveway opposite the existing main entrance for Lowe's Home Center on East Rochambeau Drive. Access drives will also connect with the Wachovia Bank site.

Contact Your Board Member

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Board Appointments

●*Beautification Committee*

Jeanne Eickhoff
Travis Hicks
Donna Simpkins

●*Historical Committee*

Steven Adcox
Donna Briede
Mary Gaten

Appointments are made by the Board of Supervisors. Citizens who wish to be considered for an appointment can fill out a board/commission application or contact the York County Administration Office at 890-3320.

York County Head Start Accepting Applications

York County Head Start is now accepting applications for the 2006-2007 school year. This program is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), and is licensed through the state by the Department of Social Services. Enrollment is open to families meeting federal income guidelines and whose children are ages 3, 4, and 5 by September 30. This FREE preschool program welcomes children with special needs and disabilities.

Children attend Head Start classes September through May on Tuesday through Friday mornings for half-day sessions. Children receive breakfast and lunch, health and wellness services, and families receive case management services. York County Head Start is licensed for 117 children with seven classrooms located throughout the County. Transportation services are provided on a limited basis within the County.

Head Start does not discriminate in any of its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status.

If you would like more information about Head Start or would like to volunteer, call 890-3888, or visit the office located in the Griffin-Yeates Center, 1490 Government Road, Williamsburg. Applications can be taken immediately over the phone for those citizens interested in enrollment opportunities.

Taxes Due June 5

York County Personal Property and Real Estate taxes for the first half of 2006 are due on or before June 5. Taxes are considered late on June 6.

Penalty and interest, which are calculated separately on each item, will be assessed. Tax bills were mailed to all York County citizens in late April. If you did not receive your bill, tax information is now available on-line (choose "Tax Inquiry/History"). Each Personal Property tax bill shows the assessed tax, the tax relief, and the total tax now due. Since York County prorates Personal Property taxes on motor vehicles, citizens are taxed for the actual number of months the vehicle was owned for the first half of 2006.

Taxes may be paid by mail or on-line at the Treasurer's web site (choose "Payment Options"). Taxes may also be paid at the Treasurer's Office, or deposited in the Treasurer's drop box at the Finance Building, 120 Alexander Hamilton Boulevard in Yorktown. The Treasurer's Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For Tax Information
www.yorkcounty.gov/treasurer
 -or-
 890-3420

Benefit Golf Tournament

The Colonial Group Home Commission, through the York County Division of Juvenile Services, is sponsoring its 5th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament on Friday, June 9. Residents of York County, James City, Williamsburg and Gloucester will benefit from this tournament as all are members of the Colonial Group Home Commission. Proceeds go to the relocation of Crossroads Community Youth Home. Crossroads serves youth from all of the localities listed.

This year's tournament features our church challenge, which has been expanded from last year to include churches from all of our localities competing against one another for a wide array of prizes. The registration fee of \$60 includes greens fees, cart, range balls, and lunch at Kiskiack Golf Club the day of the tournament. For more information on sponsorship opportunities or to get a brochure to register a team, please call 890-3490 or email kings@yorkcounty.gov.

If You File Schedule C or C-EZ . . .

. . . you are considered engaged in business. If Line E on this form indicates that your business is located at a York County address or is left blank (which indicates the address on your tax return is your business location), it is presumed that your business is operating in York County. If you have not obtained a York County Business License, you are in violation of County and state laws. In addition, you are also required to file a Tax Return of Business Tangible Personal Property, Machinery and Tools, on all your business furniture, tools, and equipment owned, used, or leased as of January 1, 2006. For more information, call the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office at 890-3383 or visit the website at www.yorkcounty.gov/revenue.

Donate Your Used Car

York-Poquoson Social Services works to help clients achieve greater self-sufficiency. Having reliable transportation in an area where there is no public transportation is vital to gaining and maintaining employment, furthering education, and advancing career goals. When community members donate their used cars, the transportation obstacle is eliminated.

The donated car is repaired and inspected prior to being given to an individual dedicated to bettering their circumstances and providing for the needs of their family.

If you are interested in making a donation, call Cheryl Ferreira, Resource Development Coordinator, at 890-3491.

Changes to June 2006 Board of Supervisors' Meetings

At its April 18 meeting, the Board made changes to its June 2006 Meeting Schedule. These are:

- The meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 6 will begin at 7 p.m. rather than 6 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Board Room of York Hall; and
- The meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 20 has been moved to Tuesday, June 27. This meeting will begin at 6 p.m. and will be held in the Board Room of York Hall.

For more information about the Board's meetings, call 890-3320 or visit www.yorkcounty.gov/bos/index.html.

Office of Economic Development: Local Business Report

by Melissa Dickens, Business Development Representative. Telephone - 890-3317 or Email econdev@yorkcounty.gov.

York County greatly appreciates all of its businesses, small and large, and would like to thank each one for choosing York County as their business location.

To show our appreciation, York County will be observing Business Appreciation Week from May 14-20. The County will celebrate by recognizing our local businesses at a reception held that week. All York County businesses are invited to attend - detailed invitations will be mailed soon.

The York County Board of Supervisors recently approved additional funding for the Route 17 Property Improvement Grant program, which provides matching grants of up to \$20,000 to qualifying Route 17 businesses willing to perform improvements to their properties. The program, which began in 2004, has thus far awarded 48 grants to various businesses throughout the corridor. The program has been an enormous success, with the first round of grants resulting in improvements to: landscaping (thirteen businesses), signs (twenty-one businesses), site improvements (twenty-six businesses), façade/building improvements (thirty-eight businesses), and demolitions (three businesses). For program information and an application, visit the County's website at

www.yorkcounty.gov.

In January, the York County Office of Economic Development sent a Business Retention Survey to over 1,300 businesses in the County. The purpose of the survey is to identify any needs or specific problems that may be impacting the success or possible expansion of businesses in York County and to gauge our current business climate. So far we

have received over 200 responses. If you received a Business Retention Survey and have not yet responded, please take a few minutes to complete and return it in the prepaid

envelope, fax it to our office, or fill it out on-line. We are encouraging all businesses who would like to participate to complete the survey on our website at www.yorkcounty.gov/econdev. If this is not an option, please call our office and we will be happy to send the survey to you.

The York County Office of Economic Development is here to serve both new and existing businesses. If you are interested in establishing, expanding, or relocating a business in York County, please contact us and let us know how we can assist you or help improve our business environment for everyone.

BUSINESS APPRECIATION WEEK

Navigating Virginia's Future



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needed, and with the click of the search button, lists available properties based on specifications selected. The properties are shown on a map of York County and its surrounding localities, but can also be individually selected providing an aerial view and ground level photograph of the property, availability, sales information, and much more.

Realtors and business owners will find helpful the demographic feature of the site, which lists nearby population, age range, number of households, etc., within a specified radius around the chosen site. Other report options include Consumer Expenditures, Business and Workforce, and Employment Wages.

Information about nearby businesses is also provided for those interested in potential competitive or synergistic neighbors. "Site Selector provides new and expanding businesses with a user-friendly and interactive website for finding important site selection information," said Melissa Dickens, business development representative with York County OED. "The site is not only convenient, but it saves valuable time by offering a wealth of information that previously could only be obtained by making numerous phone calls, visiting various government and real estate offices, and searching multiple websites."

The new web tool is proving to be a great success. Since the launch of Site Selector, the website has experienced a surge of visitors, resulting in over 20,000 pageviews. "The County continually strives to provide the business community with professional and timely assistance to meet their needs," Noel said. "With Site Selector, we believe we've exceeded the expectations and needs of our present and future business owners, Realtors, and brokers and hope to continue the exceptional working relationship we have with these individuals."

For more information on Site Selector, call the York County Office of Economic Development at 890-3317 or email econdev@yorkcounty.gov.

Historic Yorktown Partnership Citizen Rewards Card

The businesses and attractions in Historic Yorktown, including the new businesses at Riverwalk Landing, are partnering together to offer a rewards program to all York County citizens. To receive your Citizen Rewards Card, bring a valid I.D. or utility bill with a York County address to one of the following locations:

★York County Administration Center

224 Ballard Street; 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday - Friday (except holidays). 890-3300.

★Dockmaster Office

Corner of Ballard and Water streets;
Saturday & Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 890-3370.



www.yorkcounty.gov/publicinfo/discount.html



The York County School Division

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Internet Safety

These "Did You Know's?" were provided by Debbie Finlay, guidance director at Western Branch Middle School in Chesapeake. Finlay was interviewed for Channel 47's "School Scene" program. The show airs weekly through June. For a DVD copy of the program, visit <http://yorkcountyschools.org/PressRoom/VideoServicesRequestForm.pdf>.

Did you know...

- that a blog is an online diary teens and adults use to journal about their life – only this diary is accessible to millions of people through the internet?
- when a picture, or any item or words, are posted on blog sites, the picture becomes the property of the parent company for that site?
- that the most popular blog site, MySpace, is 27 million strong and was recently sold to News Corp.'s new Fox Interactive Media unit for \$580 million?
- that a blog entry has led police to a teen murderer in St. Louis?
- that blog sites have their own email sites, so that if someone enjoys reading your blog (and anyone can read anyone's blog), they can email you even if they do not know you?

- that all blog sites contain "communities" centered around shared interests? (these are called "blog rings")
- 2 teens ages 13 and 15 in northern Virginia were arrested for sending threats via instant message?
- IM (and blogging) is an alternate reality for teens?
- that many teens experience their social world, thus their social "norms", through instant messaging?
- that when kids play internet games two-way conversations are included between them and the friend or stranger playing against them, and that many times these conversations include language and themes not usually allowed by parents?
- that there are many accounts of kids' obsession, to the point of academics and friendships being destroyed, with gaming systems such as Xbox?
- that teens are using picture phones for pictures other than keeping a picture of themselves and a friend on a school trip?
- that new "gadgets" often include GPS tracking devices and mobile instant messaging with no parental controls?

"Did You Know's?" provided by
Debbie Finlay, MsEd, Guidance Director
at Western Branch Middle School in Chesapeake

Teachers of the Year

YCSD would like to congratulate our school and division level teachers of the year for 2007.

YCSD Teacher of the Year

Mary Flaherty-Nobile, Grafton High

Elementary Teacher of the Year

Kendra Mason, Bethel Manor Elementary

Middle School Teacher of the Year

Donna Raschke, Yorktown Middle

High School Teacher of the Year

Mary Flaherty-Nobile, Grafton High

School-Level Teachers of the Year

Kendra Mason – Bethel Manor Elementary School
Brenda Schatzel – Coventry Elementary School
Kathy Callaway – Dare Elementary School
Carol Childress – Grafton Bethel Elementary School
Lynelle Gardner – Magruder Elementary School
Diane Bahr – Mount Vernon Elementary School
Nancy Northcott – Seaford Elementary School
Cynthia Burns – Tabb Elementary School
Jeffrey Nicoloff – Waller Mill Elementary School
Kathy Lennartz – Yorktown Elementary School
Nellie Williams – Grafton Middle School
Keith Wright – Queens Lake Middle School
Terry Payne – Tabb Middle School
Donna Raschke – Yorktown Middle School
Donna Grant – Bruton High School
Mary Flaherty-Nobile – Grafton High School
Karen Fahringer – Tabb High School
Paul Rice – York High School
Courtney Hughes – York River Academy

Graduation 2006

All 2006 YCSD high school graduations will take place at William & Mary Hall on the campus of the College of William & Mary on June 16, 2006. Times for individual schools are listed below.

Tickets are provided by the school. Parents and family members are asked to remember the dignity of the ceremony as they dress for the occasion.

10 a.m. – Bruton High School

1 p.m. – Tabb High School

4 p.m. – York High School

7 p.m. – Grafton High School

Registration Requirements

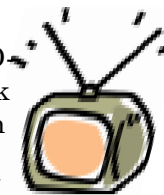
Are you new to York County? Will your child be starting kindergarten next year? In order to register your child with any school in the York County School Division, you must provide the school with the following:

1. Original or certified copy of child's birth certificate
2. Social Security Number
3. Documentation of physical exam (requirements to be obtained from YCSD)
4. Documentation of required immunizations
5. Documentation that the child's parent/guardian is a resident of York County

More information about the registration process can be obtained at <http://yorkcountyschools.org/students/registration.html>.

What Do You Think?

Do you enjoy watching YCSD TV 47? Tell us what you think about the programming offered on the division cable channel. Visit <http://yorkcountyschools.org/llldata/tvSurvey/TVsurvey.asp> to take the 15-question survey. Your views and opinions will help us as we strive to constantly improve our program offerings!





Harwood's Mill Spillway Improvements Being Constructed

A new earthen emergency spillway will be constructed at the south end of the existing Harwood's Mill dam, allowing for water, if necessary, to be released from the reservoir and diverted to the Poquoson River. In addition, the existing concrete principal spillway will be rehabilitated.

These improvements are required in order to comply with State Dam Safety regulations. The new emergency spillway will allow excess water from an extreme rain/precipitation event to pass downstream without damage to the dam.

Estimated completion is this fall.

Save on Gasoline this Summer - Ride the Historic Triangle Shuttle to Local Sites

Looking for something to do this summer that won't cost an arm and a leg in gasoline? Consider seeing Yorktown, Jamestown, and Williamsburg via the Historic Triangle Shuttle! Local residents can make the short drive to Yorktown and park at the Yorktown Battlefield Visitor Center for *free*. Stop in the Center and ask for your free boarding pass, and away you go! Next stop: Colonial Williamsburg (CW). Pickups are every half-hour between 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. with a final pickup at 5:15 p.m.

From CW you can hop on the shuttle and you're off to Jamestown. The shuttle leaves CW every half-hour between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. and upon arriving at Jamestown, makes stops at both Historic Jamestowne and Jamestown Settlement. Return service to CW departs every half-hour from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and makes a final run at 5:15 p.m.

For County residents residing in the Bruton area, you can park your car at CW and ride the shuttle to Jamestown or to Yorktown. (In Yorktown, the shuttle also stops at the Yorktown

Citizens of York County: It's Time to **Get Alarmed!**

Did you know that smoke alarms need to be replaced every 10 years?

Did you know that it is recommended that you have smoke alarms in every bedroom?

Did you know that the citizens of York County could take advantage of a smoke alarm installment program that can provide this life saving protection at no cost or obligation?

The York County Department of Fire and Life Safety is very pleased to announce the implementation of a grant called, "Get Alarmed, Virginia!" Participation in the grant provides smoke alarms with long-life batteries that are installed in your home by your neighborhood fire station personnel, and a basic home safety inspection.

Statistics show that having working smoke alarms can cut your risk of dying in half! With the help of this grant, it is our desire to help our residents sleep easier at night by making sure their home has these early warning devices and a plan of escape should there be a fire. The Virginia Department of Health and the Virginia Department of Fire Programs are the providers of the "Get Alarmed, Virginia!" grant, and it is funded by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

To take advantage of this lifesaving opportunity or to find out more information, call Annetta Norwood, Public Safety Educator, at 890-3606 or email flsafety@yorkcounty.gov.



Victory Center).

Once arriving at Yorktown or Jamestown, depending on your destination, additional shuttle services provide transportation to the various attractions.

The Historic Triangle Shuttle is a cooperative effort spearheaded by the National Park Service and supported by members of the Williamsburg area tourism industry. The shuttle began its daily service April 1 and will continue through October 31.

For more information about the Historic Triangle Shuttle services, contact the National Park Service at 898-2410 or check on-line at www.nps.gov/colo/.



Floods: Maps, Insurance, Zones, and More

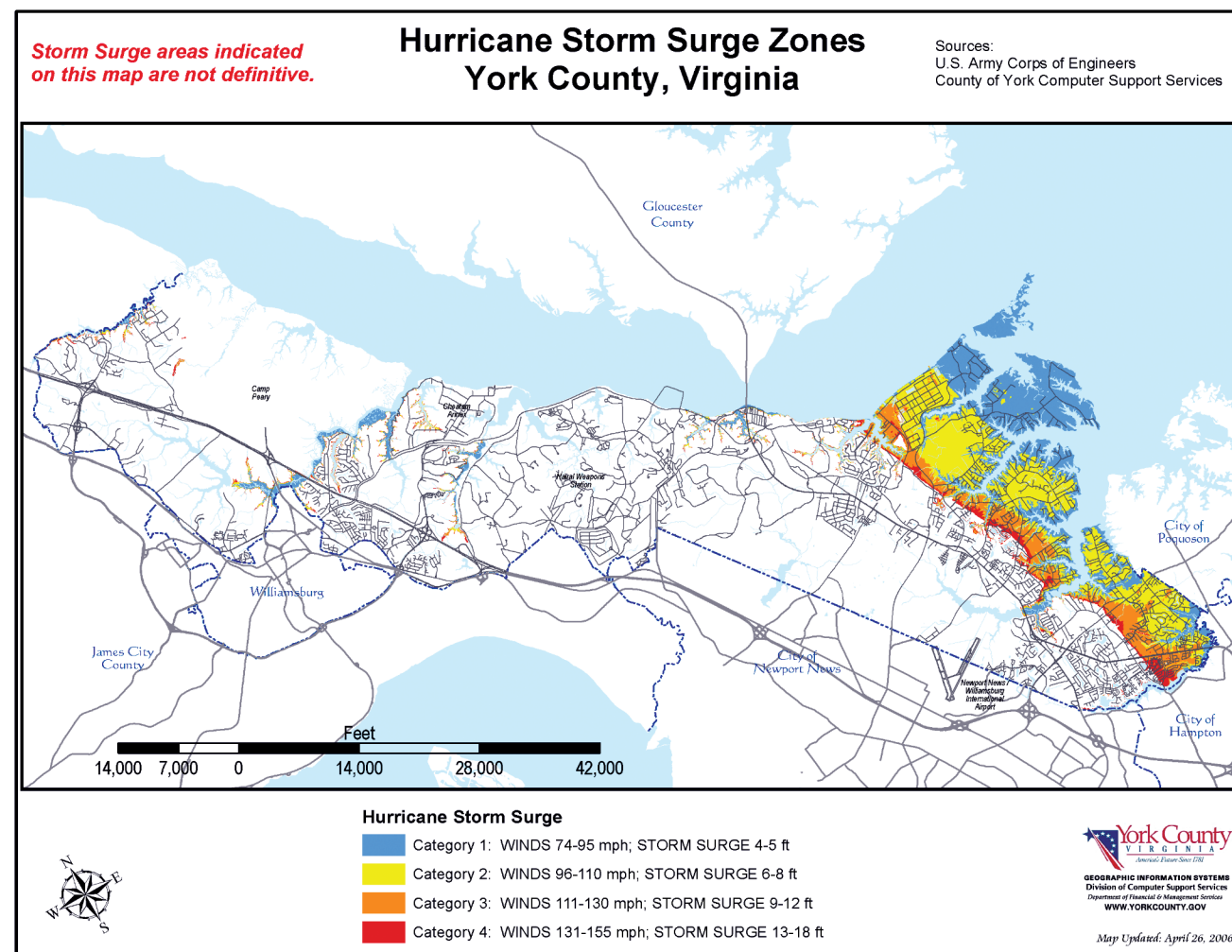
York County is part of the Community Rating System program through FEMA that allows for reduced cost flood insurance for residents of the County. This program is part of the National Flood Insurance Program that requires residents within the 100-year floodplain to have flood insurance. Residents who reside outside that floodplain may also obtain flood insurance at the reduced rate, but it is not mandatory. To find out if you are in the 100-year floodplain, visit the County's website at www.yorkcounty.gov and click on "Property Information System" to view the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM). These maps indicate various flood zones with a base flood elevation given for the 100-year floodplain. This means that all new construction in these areas must have the first floor constructed above that elevation. FIRM maps were first prepared in 1974 and revised in 1982. The latest flood map effective date is December 16, 1988. The Department of Environmental and Development Services, 105 Service Drive in Yorktown, keeps paper copies of these maps. For directions or more information, call 890-3752.

One important note: If your property is not shown to be within the 100-year or even 500-year flood zone, please don't assume that your property might not flood. Flooding can occur for a combination of reasons: Pipes sized for an average 10-year rainfall may not be able to handle large quantities of rainfall (i.e. tropical storm, hurricane or even a bad nor'easter) or blockages in pipes and ditches may block the drainage system (residents need to ensure that leaves, grass clippings, and other debris are removed from ditches and away from their banks).

Everyone knows that we live in a low-lying area and depend on our ditches or small streams to carry rainfall produced by most storms. But during extreme storms, such as a 100-year storm, these channels can become overfilled and spread along the banks in an area known as the floodplain. The elevations indicated in the designated floodplains is the point above sea level that the water is expected to reach. Unfortunately, too often items are left in the floodplain and these are then carried down-

stream and eventually block the flow of water. Although the County periodically checks these outfalls for blockages, homeowners should do their part to keep their ditches and areas nearby free of debris or any items that may float. You may request assistance from the Department of Environmental and Development Services in evaluating your flood problem and explaining ways to stop flooding or prevent flood damage. Call the department at 890-3752.

Not sure if you're covered for floods? Check with your insurance agent to see if your policy covers damage from floods. Many do not. But since York County is a part of the NFIP program, you can purchase a separate flood insurance policy. You may have purchased flood insurance as required by your bank when you received your mortgage or home improvement loan; however, often these policies only cover the structure and not the contents. Be proactive and call your agent today because there is a 30-day waiting period before NFIP coverage takes effect.



Flood Zones

- Zone V** - Coastal flood with wave action; no base flood elevation determined.
- Zone VE** - Coastal flood with wave action; base elevations determined.
- Zone A** - 100-year flood with no elevation determined.
- Zone AE** - 100-year flood with base elevation determined.
- Zone X** (shaded and adjacent to 100-year zone) - 500-year flood; areas of 100-year flood with average depths less than one foot or drainage areas less than one square mile.

Flood Prevention

- Do not dump anything into pipes, ditches and streams. The County has a leaf collection program during the autumn months. Call 890-3780.
- If your property is next to a ditch or stream, keep the banks clear of brush and debris.
- If you see someone dumping debris into a ditch, or simply notice that a ditch contains trash and other items, call 890-3752 to report the location.
- Check with Building Regulation (890-3522) before you build on, alter or regrade your property. A permit may be needed to ensure that the project doesn't cause problems for your neighbors! If you see building or filling going on without a County permit posted, call the number above to report the location.

Mosquito Beater News Briefs

A Seasonal Riddle - What do you have 40,000 of, but you wish you had none? Answer: Mosquitoes! It's estimated that there are

Watch WYCG-TV46 in June for a special Mosquito Control edition of County Courier.

over 40,000 mosquitoes for every person in the United States. Around here that can seem like a low number. During mosquito season, fresh and salt marsh mosquitoes abound. It's hard to predict what the upcoming mosquito season will be like, however you can be sure of one

thing: We *will* have mosquitoes this year and the County *will* need your help in preventing as many as possible. Throughout the year, the County's Drainage and Mosquito Control Division maintains miles and miles of easements in York County to keep ditches clear of debris that could trap water and result in a mosquito breeding ground. But it's up to our residents to become actively involved by not dumping debris in ditches and also by emptying all water filled containers, wading pools, bird baths, flower pots, etc. that you have in your yard. It only takes one week for mosquitoes to grow in your backyard container.

Drainage Maintenance - County drainageways are maintained year round with the work performed by district. The Drainage and Mosquito Control teams work in our neighborhoods twice a year. However, if you have a drainage emergency (i.e. a ditch so obstructed by debris that it is flooding your yard), call 890-3790 immediately. If you have a roadside drainage ditch and/or associated culvert concern, call VDOT at 898-5151 (for areas south of Route 238 and Yorktown) or 253-4832 (for areas in the upper County). If you reside in a neighborhood with a homeowner association and have a drainage matter concerning the common area of your subdivision, call your homeowner representative to report the problem.

Mosquito Dunks Offered - As in years past, Drainage and Mosquito Control has a limited supply of free mosquito dunks to be given to the public to help combat mosquitoes. The EPA-approved environmentally safe bio-control agent, or "dunks," were provided to the County by Summit Chemical and are available on

a first-come, first-served basis. Only one pack will be given per residence. However, dunks are affordable and readily available at garden centers, home improvement stores, and several hardware stores. Use a dunk in your backyard rain barrels, bird-baths, flower containers, anything that collects standing water. For your free pack, visit the Waste Management Center, 145 Goodwin Neck Road, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mosquito Fish? - Do you have a water garden and would like mosquito fish? If so, call 890-3790 to have some of these mosquito eating fish delivered to you for stocking your pond. Because they are raised with other fish, they are safe to add to your existing fish pond. Leave your name, address, and telephone number along with the location and size of your water garden. Mosquito fish are delivered as needed.

Please Spray! - Ground spraying for mosquitoes is scheduled based on the number of citizen requests, confirmation by our mosquito monitors that a problem does exist, and other surveillance data. Once a problem is recognized, spraying is scheduled. The pesticide used for spraying - both ground and aerial - is EPA-approved and dispensed during the early morning and evening hours when mosquitoes are most active. Spraying is not done on days when wind or rain would make the spraying ineffective. The mosquito spray hotline, providing information about when and where spraying is scheduled, will become active on May 15. Call 890-3793 to determine if your neighborhood is on the list. Residents living on private lanes with plenty of woodlands typically have a great mosquito problem. If you would like to receive treatment on your private property, first you'll need to complete a liability spray release form. Forms are available by calling 890-3780 or downloading off the website at www.yorkcounty.gov/eds/mosquitocontrol.htm. If you are planning a party or picnic outdoors this season and wish to request a special spray treatment, call 890-3791 at least two weeks in advance. This special spray costs \$40.

Registration of Personal Property

York County prorates Personal Property Tax on motor vehicles only.

Vehicle(s) Purchased and New Residents - Vehicles must be registered and registration payment received (if applicable) within thirty days from the date of purchase or move-in. The vehicle may be subject to a prorated tax.

Vehicle(s) Disposed or Moved Within the State of Virginia - You must notify the Department of Motor Vehicles and Commissioner of the Revenue immediately. The vehicle may be subject to a prorated tax.

Vehicle(s) moved out of the State of Virginia - Proof of registration in the new state will be required before proration will be considered. Proration will be based upon the date registered in the new state. A vehicle will remain taxed in York County until such proof has been provided.

Active Duty Military and Retired Military Persons - The Federal Soldiers' & Sailors' Civil Relief Act exempts active duty military personnel from personal property tax in any state other than their legal state of residence. Therefore, vehicles registered in the active duty nonresident military person's name only will be exempt as long as each owner furnishes a LES for the period of residence. Any vehicle jointly titled with a non-military person is taxable. Once military personnel retire and stay in York County, each owner must provide a copy of their Form DD214. Vehicle(s) will be subject to a prorated tax.

Failure to comply with these deadlines will result in late filing penalties. If you have any questions, please call 890-3381. You may also visit the website at www.yorkcounty.gov/revenue.

York County Beautification Committee



Beautiful York County 2007 Calendar Art Contest



Theme: Beautiful York County

Artwork should depict your idea of the most beautiful locations in York County throughout the year.

Deadline: 12 noon on June 30, 2006

All entries should be submitted to: York County Beautification Committee,
ATTN: Laurie Halperin, 145 Goodwin Neck Road, Yorktown, VA 23692

Media: Black and White or Color Two-Dimensional Medium

Size: 8 x 10 inches Landscape Image

Prizes: 13 Cash Awards

The York County Beautification Committee continues to sponsor the annual Beautiful York County calendar art contest. Thirteen pieces of original art will be selected to illustrate each month and the cover for the 2007 calendar. Artwork is judged by the York County Beautification Committee based on the quality of the artwork and adherence to the calendar's theme. Computer generated illustrations should be in .jpg or .tif format and should include a printed copy of the file. Illustrations should be presented in black and white

or color in an 8-inch by 10-inch image size. All County school age students are eligible to enter the contest and do not have to be in a fine art class. One piece of artwork will be selected for the cover and the artist will receive a cash award of \$100. Monthly artwork winners will receive a cash award of \$75 each. In addition, the fine arts instructor for each winner will receive \$25 awards for each winning entry. Four selections each will be made from elementary school age submissions, middle school age submissions, and high school age submissions.

Cover art will be selected from the general pool of all entries. All artwork submissions must be original pieces and be accompanied with the form shown below to the back of the artwork. PLEASE BE SURE TO NOTE THE LOCATION FOR WHICH YOUR ART IS BASED. Artwork will be returned to the artist as soon as the calendar has been completed, however the Beautification Committee is not responsible for any damage caused by the printing process.

For more information, call Laurie Halperin at 890-3780.

Calendar Contest Entry Form

Title: _____

Artist Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone #: _____

Email: _____

I think this is the most beautiful location in York County because:

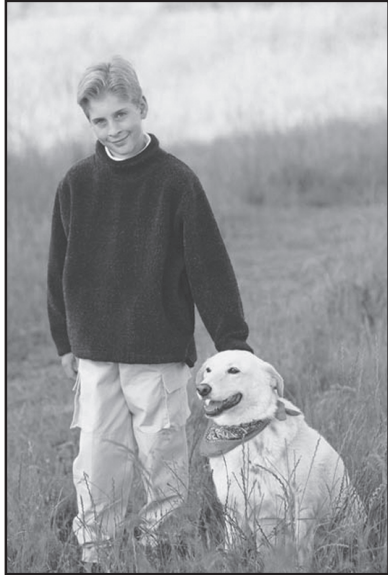
School: _____

Fine Arts Teacher: _____

Phone #: _____

Deadline: 12 noon on June 30, 2006
Mail this form and artwork to:
York County Beautification Committee,
ATTN: Laurie Halperin, 145 Goodwin Neck
Road, Yorktown, VA 23692

County Parks Improved - Visitors Increasing



Over the course of the past several years, there have been a number of improvements made to County Park and Recreational facilities. To name a few: New Quarter Park has seen the addition of several picnic shelters, biking and hiking trails, more playground equipment, and expanded parking; Rodgers Smith Boat Landing has been completely renovated with new ramps and the addition of a pier; and the Yorktown Beach Picnic Area has additional parking and the restrooms have been improved. Given these changes, it should come as no surprise that there has been an increase in the

number of visitors. For example, last year at New Quarter Park alone there were approximately 24,000 visitors, an increase of nearly 14,000 over the previous year.

Not only is the number of people visiting County parks going up, but so is the number of dogs. Unfortunately, some visitors have recently expressed concerns with dog owners not following park regulations. While all visitors are welcome, as the numbers increase it becomes even more important that the rules and regulations of park usage be followed. We ask that while visiting a County facility, dog owners please observe the requirement to have their pets on a leash at all times and to clean up after them. Following these simple rules will make the County's beautiful Park and Recreational facilities more enjoyable for all.

For more information on the County's Park and Recreational facilities, please visit our website at www.yorkcounty.gov/parksandrec or call 890-3500.

New Personal Property Tax Relief Info.

The 2005 Legislation changed Personal Property Tax Relief (PPTR) to a "fixed block grant" beginning with tax year 2006, which required localities to change their local ordinance. In York County, that ordinance is 05-28.

Changes include the following: Vehicles must continue to meet "personal use" criteria (owned by an individual, 7,500 gross weight or less, and used less than 50 percent for business use); the percentage of PPTR will be applied to the first \$20,000 of value of each qualifying vehicle. Previously, qualifying vehicles valued at \$1,000 and less were 100 percent exempt. Under this new ordinance, those vehicles will receive the same percent of relief as all other qualifying vehicles, resulting in their being liable for the taxpayer share of the Personal Property Tax. For more information, call 890-3382.

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and *Virginia*, along with the Jamestown Settlement's *Godspeed*, will be tied up at Riverwalk Landing all weekend and open to tour. The U.S. Navy will send a modern frigate, the *USS Normandy*, and the French navy is also sending a ship.

A Children's Activity Area will include a parade, rides and activities including face painting, balloon animals, and clowns. Also, live bands and music will appear on the Riverwalk stage throughout the weekend.

Parade - The Yorktown 225th Anniversary parade will follow Yorktown's Main Street and pass in front of the Yorktown Victory Monument, erected in 1881 to commemorate the military victory a century before. Included in the parade are representatives of all branches of the U.S. military, high school bands, JROTC and NJROTC units, and patriotic organizations.

Patriotic Exercises - Immediately following the parade, Patriotic Exercises will commence at the Yorktown Victory Monument with the annual pageant of flags, a colorful display that includes the American and French national colors, the flags of the 50 states and the District of Columbia, and the flags of the thirteen Yorktown Day Association members. During the ceremony, greetings will be delivered from France, a key American ally in the defeat of the British in 1781. A wreath will be placed on the Yorktown Victory Monument in memory of those who fought and died during the siege of Yorktown in 1781, and 40 new United States citizens will take the oath of allegiance in honor of the 225th anniversary.

The Commander-in-Chief's Guard and the Old Guard Fife & Drum Corps, elements of the President's ceremonial honor guard and annual participants in the Yorktown anniversary ceremonies since the Bicentennial, will demonstrate 18th-century military tactics and music in uniforms similar to those worn by the Continental Army.

Fireworks and Symphony Performance - Events of Thursday, October 19 will conclude at Riverwalk Landing with the premiere of *We Salute You - An American Symphony*. This colorful salute to men and women of the American armed forces and the story of the victory at Yorktown unfolds in a live action dramatic spectacle, complete with a live orchestra, chorus, and actors. The program concludes with a spectacular fireworks display over the York River.

Revolutionary War Re-enactors - A highlight of the weekend events will surely be the participation of more than 2,000 Revolutionary War re-enactors. Infantry, artillery and cavalry units representing the American, French and British participants of the Siege of Yorktown will put on a wide variety of 18th-century tactical demonstrations.

Special Exhibits - As part of the 225th anniversary, the Yorktown Victory Center will feature a special exhibition, "The Legacy of Yorktown: Virginia Beckons." This new exhibition examines how people from many different cultures, those in Virginia before the 1607 founding of Jamestown and those who arrived later, shaped a new society, with a focus on immigration from 1607 to 1830 and the stimulus created by the founding of the republic.

VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

100 County Drive, P.O. Box 532, Yorktown, VA 23690-0532



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VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY

D.A.R.E./4-H Leadership Camp - "D.A.R.E. to Lead!"

The York County Cooperative Extension Office and the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office D.A.R.E. program are accepting applications for an exciting new D.A.R.E./4-H Leadership Camp, "D.A.R.E. to Lead!" This 3-day residential camp will be held August 21-23 at the Jamestown 4-H Educational Center. Campers must be rising 7th, 8th, or 9th graders in York County with a demonstrated interest in developing leadership and communication skills in a fun and exciting environment. Teams will participate in classes like kayaking, canoeing, and cooperative group games, as well as learning about internet safety and basic self-defense. Campers will also participate in a Leadership Luncheon on Tuesday with local and regional leaders present to answer questions and discuss ideas.

This program is limited to 40 boys and 40 girls at a cost of \$65 per person. To request an application, or if you have any questions, please call 890-4940 or download forms at www.yorkcounty.gov/vce/upcomingevents/upcomingeventpg.htm.

Volunteers Sought for York 4-H Program

York County 4-H is starting to take off, but we need volunteers to support our programs. We are looking for the following:

- Adult volunteer to assist with an energetic and enthusiastic Teen Club
- Adult volunteers to assist with Cloverbud clubs (for ages 5-8)
- New Adult club leaders who would like to start a club for the youth in your neighborhood.

Call 890-4940 or email us at ex199@vt.edu and help us make a positive impact on the lives of our youth.

Fall Fescue Lawn Renovation

Do you already know that you will have to renovate the lawn this fall? Put these Renovation Clinic dates on your calendar. Incorporating organic matter, rake level, and seed selection will be discussed in the Lawn Renovation program.

July 29:	Location TBD
September 9:	True Value Hardware, Grafton
September 23:	Ken Mathews Nursery, Grafton
October 7:	Class presented at Landscape Extravaganza

**Master Gardener Registration
Deadline is May 31!
Call 890-4940 for more info.**

Virginia 4-H Intermediate Congress 2006

July 26-28 at Virginia State University in Petersburg, VA

4-H Intermediate Congress is coming this summer! Intermediate Congress is open to 12- and 13-year-olds who participate in York County 4-H, including our 4-H campers. 4-H Intermediate Congress is designed for youth who are interested in becoming 4-H leaders. Through exciting, interactive sessions, youth will enhance their ability to serve in local, district, state, and national 4-H leadership roles. Intermediate Congress is a great leadership development and learning experience, but it's also a ton of fun! Meet new people from around the state and participate in 4-H at its best. There are only a limited number of spaces for this event, so call the office at 890-4940 and make your plans to attend!

4-H Growing Mums for Profit

The York County Cooperative Extension Office is taking registrations for the 4-H Chrysanthemum project. The project combines the skills of growing plants with the knowledge of how to account for, market, and sell a "product." Youth will receive materials to grow 20 chrysanthemums throughout the summer and must be in total care of their product. Participants will attend five scheduled educational one-hour sessions through the summer to learn the proper care for the chrysanthemum, how to keep your accounts in order, and to learn how to market and sell them.

Youth ages 10-15 may participate. The first meeting date will be May 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the York County Grounds Maintenance Building on Wolf Trap Road. Participants will pot their mums and bring them home. The minimum sunlight needed for these plants is full sun for 8 hours per day in a place where they can be watered daily and free of competing vegetation.

Space in this program is limited to 20 participants. York County residents have first priority. Application and registration fee of \$20 must be received by May 18. Obtain registration forms at www.yorkcounty.gov/vce/upcomingevents or call 890-4940.

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in any of these activities, please contact the York Cooperative Extension Office at 890-4940 during business hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5 p.m. to discuss accommodations ten days prior to the event.

Statewide Democratic Primary June 13

A statewide Democratic Primary election will be held Tuesday, June 13, and is open to all registered voters in York County. Voters will select the Democratic candidate for United States Senate. That candidate then will be on the ballot in the November 7 General Election when voters go to the polls to vote for one U.S. Senator and a 1st District Congressional Representative. The polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Constitution of Virginia requires that voters be registered in the precinct in which they live in order to be qualified to vote. The final day to register to vote in this primary, if not already registered, is Monday, May 15 at 5 p.m. Eligible citizens may register in person at the following York County sites:

**Registrar's Office, 224 Ballard Street
Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

**Griffin-Yeates Center, 1490 Government Road
Monday-Friday, 8:15 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

**York County Public Libraries, 100 Long Green Blvd.
& 8500 George Washington Memorial Highway
Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 - 5 p.m.**

Absentee voting is available for those who will be out of their precinct on June 13, or are unable to go to their polling place due to a physical illness or disability, or otherwise qualify to vote an absentee ballot. Thursday, June 8 is the last day absentee ballot applications will be accepted by mail. Those who wish to vote an absentee ballot in person may do so at the Registrar's Office, 224 Ballard Street, through June 10. The office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and also Saturday, June 10, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information or to request applications for voter registration, absentee ballots and sample ballots, call 890-3440 or visit the web site at www.yorkcounty.gov/voting.

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underinsured residents of our County, and even those fortunate to have prescription coverage can use the card to save money on medications that are not covered by their health plan. Residents do not have to be Medicare beneficiaries to be eligible for this program."

Cards can be picked up at the following locations:

- York County Community Services Administration Office and Public Information Office, 224 Ballard St.
- York County Parks and Recreation, 100 County Dr.
- York County Children's Services, 1490 Government Rd.
- York-Poquoson Social Services, 301 Goodwin Neck Rd.
- Tabb Library, 100 Long Green Blvd.
- Yorktown Library, 8500 Rt. 17

New Voting Equipment Introduced

The Federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002 requires that every polling place in the country offer a voting system that will allow a disabled voter to vote without assistance. York County will provide one HAVA voting machine in every precinct.

The York County Electoral Board has selected the WINvote stand-alone "ballot station" produced by Advanced Voting Solutions, Inc. The WINvote, used in 33 Virginia localities, has been approved by the State Board of Elections and the U.S. Department of Justice. This nationally and state certified machine is designed to allow a sight-impaired voter to vote by using an audio ballot with the use of a headset. If voters would like a demonstration of the new machine, they may call 890-3440 to schedule an appointment for a demonstration.

Although the WINvote will be available to enable the disabled voter to vote independently, anyone is welcome to use this



Pam White, Voter Registrar, demonstrates the WINvote voting machine.

touch-screen machine. However, the AccuVote optical scan voting equipment used since 1997 in York County will continue to be the primary voting machine in use in all precincts.

- Senior Center of York, 5314 Rt. 17 (Wash. Square)
- Colonial Services Board, 1657 Merrimac Trail and 3804 Rt. 17
- Lackey Free Family Medicine Clinic, 1620 Old Williamsburg Rd.
- Olde Towne Medical Center, 5249 Olde Towne Rd.

County residents can call toll free (877) 321-2652 or visit <https://naco.advancerx.com> for assistance with the program.

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